

FORM B – BUILDING

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

32/70

Boston
North

1597

Town: Lexington

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Photograph



Address: 274 Marrett Road

Historic Name:

Uses: Present: residential

Original: residential

Date of Construction: c.1928

Source: directories

Style/Form: Craftsman/Bungalow

Architect/Builder: unknown

Exterior Material:

Foundation: rubble

Wall/Trim: vinyl siding

Roof: asphalt shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:
garage

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Date? – vinyl siding and some new windows, enclosure of front porch?

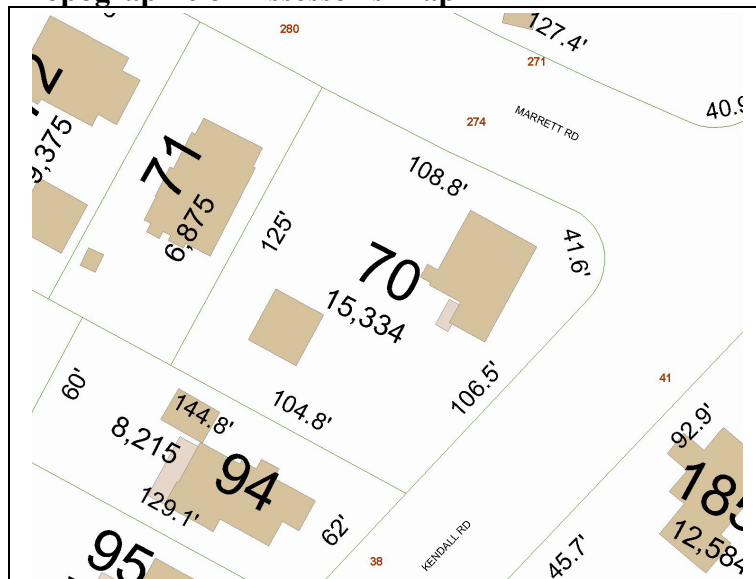
Condition: fair (due to siding)

Moved: no | x | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.35 acre

Setting: mixed residential on busy street

Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Date (*month / year*): January 2010

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

LEXINGTON

274 Marrett Road

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Located at the southwest corner of Kendall Road and Marrett Road, 274 Marrett Road is a 1 ½-story, side-gabled dwelling resting on a rubble foundation. The building is presently sheathed in vinyl siding and the gable roof extends to cover what may have originally been an open porch. The eave overhang features decorative beams at the peak and base of the gable. A shed dormer with exposed rafter tails projects from the front roof slope and a shed dormer also spans the rear slope. The predominant window is a 6/1 sash; some of the windows are modern replacements.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

There is no house on this site at the time of the 1906 map. It appears to have been constructed as part of the Farmhurst subdivision, which was originally laid out in 1923 by developer Neil McIntosh. This was lots C & D of the Resubdivision of Part of Section 3 of the Farmhurst Subdivision, Oct. 1927 addition. The earliest known owners were Ashley and Jennie Partridge who were living here in 1930 with their four children, a daughter-in-law, and grandchild. Ashley Partridge operated a food shop/catering business/bakery on Massachusetts Avenue. In 1932 he was also president of the Lexington Board of Trade. [In 1928 developer Neil McIntosh was living next door at #280].

In 1942 the house was occupied by Mark Lesper and his wife. Constance Thompson sold the property to Richard and Wilhelmina Dolbear in 1956 and it remained in the Dolbear family for forty years.

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